GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:77
ANSWERED ON:01.03.2016
Doping Scandals
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has taken note of the recent suspension of Russia by the International Association of Athletic Federation (IAAF) on account of doping scandal and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Indian sports including athletics is dogged by similar doping scandals in the recent past and if so, the details thereof; and
(c) whether the Union Government is mulling any action plan to check use of drugs in sports in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)
(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.
STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.77 TO BE ASWERED ON 01.03.2016 REGARDING DOPING SCANDALS ASKED BY SHRI RAJESH KUMAR DIWAKER.
(a) Yes, Madam. The Government is aware of the recent suspension of Russia by the International Association of Athletics Federation (IAAF). The Council of the IAAF provisionally suspended the All Russia Athletic Federation (ARAF) on 13.11.2015. The decision was taken at 201st IAAF Council Meeting which was held on 13.11.2015. The ground for the provisional suspension was that the ARAF had breached the objects of the IAAF pertaining to eradicating doping and safeguarding the authenticity and integrity of sports.
(b) No, Madam. No such kind of doping scandal has taken place in the recent past in India.
(c) Government of India is committed to eradicate the doping menace in Sports. To eradicate the menace of doping, NADA in association with all participating stakeholders regularly conducts anti-doping awareness program. Further, to broaden the outreach program, Government of India has decided to establish five (5) regional outreach centres to increase the anti-doping education and awareness at all levels of sports in the country.
To bring all stakeholders on a common platform, NADA has launched the "Program for Education and Awareness on Anti Doping in Sports" (PEADS) since September 2014.
With this initiative, a total number of 64 such educational programs/anti-doping workshops were conducted along with stakeholders in association with sports organizations, state sports authorities and Physical Education departments/colleges/Universities etc.
In the year 2015-16, a total number of 45 Anti Doping Awareness Workshops have been organized by NADA till date.
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